

MISSION C156C

15 AUGUST 1966

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The IDEALIST Mission C156C as planned
herein is approved for 15 August 1966.

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JUSTIFICATION FOR COVERAGE OF TARGETS BY MISSION C156C

Monthly coverage of priority targets in South China, as well as weekly coverage of one-fourth of the priority targets, was directed by the United States Intelligence Board⁽¹⁾. The targets for South China are shown on the map, page four. The latter has been provided by COMOR⁽²⁾. Periodic coverage of the priority targets should provide the Intelligence Community with sufficient information concerning the Order of Battle in South China, from which the Intelligence Community could make a more accurate estimate of the ChiCom posture and intentions relative to the Vietnam situation.

- (1) USIB D-41.14/276
- (2) COMOR (PWG-D-6/18)

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TARGET COVERAGE PLANNED FOR MISSION C156C
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COMOR HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS:

Hai Kou A/F
Hai Kou Naval Base
Fan Cheng Army Bks.
Mon Cay Complex
Loc Binh Army Sup. Dep.
Lang Son Mil. Complex
Lang Son A/F
Lang Son Comp.
Hanoi Ping Hsiang RR Seg. #1

Dong Dang Comp.
Ping Hsiang Ord. Depot
Ping Hsiang Comp.
Ning Ming A/F
Nanning A/F S.
Nan Ning Comp.
Heng Hsien Hpp Lock & Dam
Kuei Hsien Army Bks.

Plus 9 secondary COMOR targets.

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DATE OF LAST COVERAGE:

24 August 1965

MISSION DATA

DISTANCE : 2363
TIME : 6 + 05
DENIED TIME: 2 + 14
T/O FUEL : 1320
HI CONE : 170
ENTRY ALT : 69.0
PROFILE : MAX ALT

BRIEF VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE:

The only known threat to this mission are MIG-21 aircraft in South China area.
The MIG-21 capability against the U-2 at mission altitude is only marginal.

(See MIG-21 Order of Battle on facing map).

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COORDINATION MESSAGES

1. Request for NPIC to search track for SAM Sites. (1)
 2. NPIC's report of the search of latest photographs available along the mission route for SAM sites. (2)
 3. Mission details (3) 25X1A
 - 25X1A 4. the mission. (4)
 5. Mission details coordinated with JRC/JCS. (5)
 6. Intelligence summary of AOB, ROB, GOB in the area of the mission. (6)
 7. Mission details coordinated with if required. (7) 25X1A
 - 25X1A 8. approval of the mission if required. (8)
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